(4) Vaniyas and Chakkans are included among the backward communities.

Number and pay of Typists in service.

284. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to give a tabular statement containing the following particulars with reference to the Typists employed in the various departments of the State including the Forest Tramway. The particulars to be given are:—(1) the name of the Typist; (2) the office where he is employed; (3) his qualifications; (4) the number of years he has completed in the service; (5) the pay he now draws?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A statement containing the available information is appended. (*Appendix III*).

Appointment of Judges from outside the State to try the Excise defalcation case.

285. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they had an idea to appoint Judges from outside the State to try the Excise Defalcation Appeal; if so, why was it given up; were there any representations about this matter to the Diwan; if so, by whom and what was the nature of the representation?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The question of appointing Judges from outside the State to try the various appeals which the permanent Judges of the Chief Court could not hear was considered. It was, however, found possible to appoint Judges from within the State. Representations on the subject were made to the Diwan by various Members of the Legislative Council including the questioner. There was also a discussion in the Council on the point.

286. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Mr. M. A. Chakko or Thattil Vareed suggest or object to the names of the Judges proposed to be appointed to try the Excise Defalcation Appeal;

(b) if so, whether there was any precedent in Cochin of parties being consulted or heard for the appointment of Judges to try their case?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No, but Mr. Chakko suggested that two of the present or retired Judges of the Madras High Court might be selected for the purpose.

(b) the party was neither consulted nor heard on the question. He made the suggestion in a letter.

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